

Stroke claims retired police officer who served 30 years

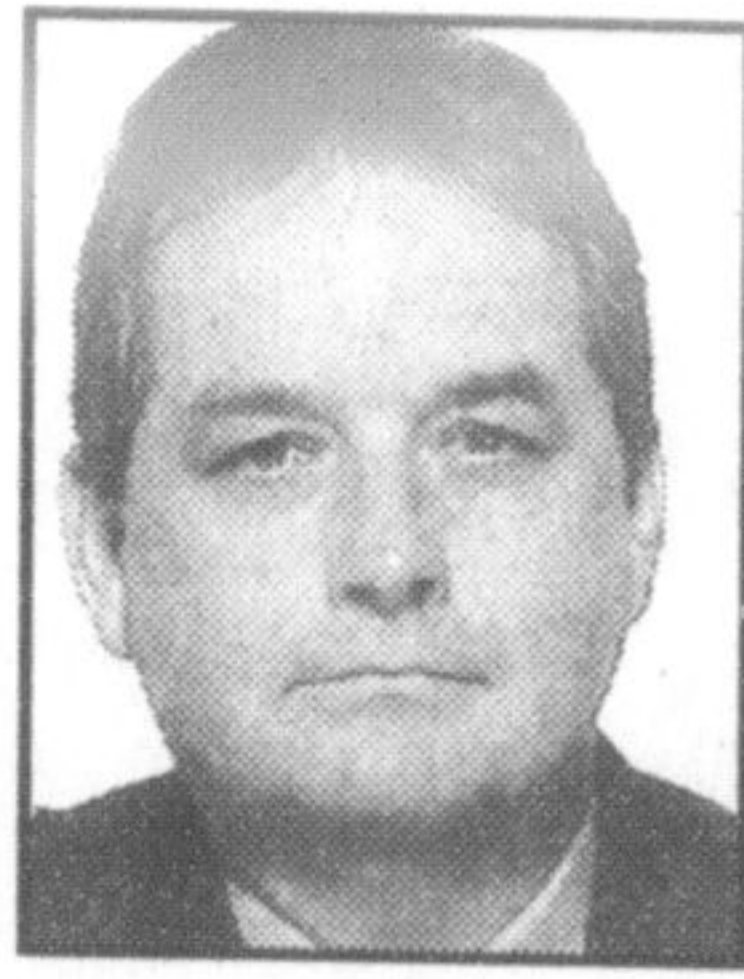
Milton has lost one of its finest community members, but his integrity and dedication will continue to live on.

Brian Crosby, 51, served as a member of the Halton Regional Police Service until his retirement in 2002, spending his last years with the force in his hometown of Milton.

Mr. Crosby passed away Friday from a massive brain hemorrhage.

Halton Regional Police Chief Ean Algar said he hopes Mr. Crosby's family will be comforted by how much Mr. Crosby — who lived in Milton for more than 20 years — accomplished.

"Brian Crosby was as good a man as he was a police officer," Chief Algar said. "He was a man of integrity, who earned people's trust. After spending time with Brian, people came to believe in him and what he stood for."



Brian Crosby

Crosby was the most dedicated police supervisor he's ever seen.

"He was so concerned about the well-being of his co-workers," Const. Hubbard said.

"He'd go the extra mile to make sure everyone was looked after properly."

A personal friend of Mr. Crosby's, Const. Hubbard said Mr. Crosby, a father of three adult daughters, was looking forward to the upcoming weddings of two of his daughters.

"He was very passionate about

Const. Clive Hubbard — who worked for Mr. Crosby for 10 years in Milton and at police headquarters in Oakville — said Mr.

his family. His girls meant everything to him. He appeared rough and gruff on the outside, but he was a bit of a pussycat when it came to his kids."

Last year, Mr. Crosby was recognized with an exemplary service medal by the federal government for his 30 years of police service.

He began his career with the Toronto Police Force and, 10 years later, joined Halton Regional Police.

Mr. Crosby served in Milton as a patrol sergeant from 1998 until his retirement.

Prior to that, Mr. Crosby worked in various areas of the police service including uniform patrol, intelligence, criminal investigation, major crime and the drug bureau.

The funeral will be held today at Holy Rosary Church with interment at Milton Evergreen Cemetery.

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